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Co-ops Offer "Consumer Responsiveness"

The following was adapted from an editorial by Linda C. Taliaferro, chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, which appeared in Penn Lines, Pennsylvania's statewide rural electric magazine.

Recently a British fact-finding team visited the U.S. to study firsthand the American regulatory experience.

One of the team's findings was that "The most attractive feature of the American system is the access it gives individual members of the public to the decision-making process.

"While this does not necessarily produce a more efficient system—it may well hinder that process—it does ensure that utilities have a consumer responsiveness greater than in Great Britain."

The report further says, "Two-way interaction with customers is now a key component of corporate strategy for most utilities, as the regulatory system in America leads to consumer responsiveness being good for business. We should like to see the British electricity boards learning this lesson."

Although the British team looked solely at utilities that were regulated by public agencies, it is interesting to note that Great Britain was the home

of one of the greatest self-regulating business enterprises, the Rochdale Cooperative. And one of the ideals of that cooperative—which has been a model for American cooperatives, such as rural electric cooperatives—was that members should be informed about the business of their business.

Just as it is important for private utilities and cooperatives to keep their consumers informed about their business activities, it is imperative that consumers stay in touch with their utilities and cooperatives. . . .

In the electric cooperatives, co-op consumer-members are encouraged to tell the co-op how it's doing, to raise complaints or give praise. I don't know how many of you, as co-op members, actually do that. But I encourage you to do so. . . .

It is pleasing to see that the British fact-finding team found some valuable lessons in our country's utility regulatory experience, just as our American cooperatives found workable structures in the early British cooperatives.

One Way To Reduce Hunting Deaths

The issue could hardly be clearer: Requiring hunters to wear hunter orange, or "blaze," clothing saves lives.

Yes, the incidence of hunting fatalities is low—an average of about 200 deaths a year in hunting accidents out of a population of some 18 million hunters. But 38 of the 50 states—including South Carolina—require hunters to wear orange, and where such laws are enacted, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation, deer hunting fatalities drop at least 50 percent.

North Carolina doesn't have such a law, but it should.

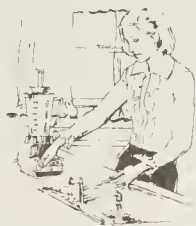
Since such a law imposes no real hardship on anyone—"blaze" clothing doesn't even make hunters more visible to deer, who don't see colors—it's worth having even if it saves only one life. Just ask the families and friends of the five hunters killed by other hunters in North Carolina during deer season last fall.

—The Charlotte Observer

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Banker Heads Board

Co-op Lending Agency Elects Tar Heel

A Moore County banker has been elected president of the Board of Directors of a national lending institution which provides financing for rural electric and telephone cooperatives across the country.

James H. Garner of Rt. 2, Robbins, was elected president of the board of the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC), a financial institution headquartered in Washington, DC.

Garner, who is a director of Randolph Electric Membership Corporation, Asheboro, represents CFC's District 1 region, which encompasses New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and North Carolina.

He was first elected to that board in 1983 and was re-elected for a new three-year-year term in 1986. During the past year, he has served on the organization's loan committee.

Garner is a senior vice president and area executive of First Bank, Troy, with responsibility for five branches in Moore and Chatham counties.

A member of the N.C. Bankers Association, he is a graduate of the N.C. School of Banking at UNC-Chapel Hill.

He has been active in Moore County civic affairs, having served on the boards of various organizations there, including the Moore County Economic Development Committee. He is a former director of Moore Memorial Hospital and a former trustee of Sandhills Community College.

Garner has been on the Board of Directors of Randolph EMC since 1965. He currently serves as secretary-treasurer of that board.

CFC is a private lending cooperative that is owned and controlled by about 1,000 rural electric and telephone co-ops in 46 states. It has

assets of \$3.3 billion, a total loan and guarantee program of \$9.2 billion and it is supported by member equity of \$1.25 billion. It provides loans to co-ops as a supplement to Rural Electrification Administration financing.

The organization is governed by a 22-member Board of Directors, who are selected from 11 geographical dis-

tricts. One director from each district is a rural electric system director and a second is a rural electric manager.

Representing District 1 along with Garner is James M. Reynolds, general manager of Community Electric Cooperative, Windsor, VA, who was recently re-elected to a new term on the board.



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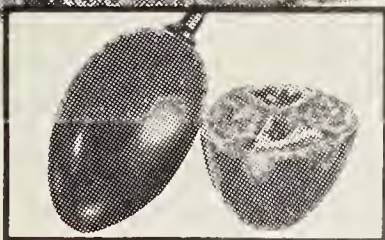
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About 1,000 people are needlessly electrocuted in this country each year. Some are killed by faulty power tools, some by electric equipment that has been shorted out by water, and some because appliances in the bathroom or kitchen suddenly contact water. Others climb trees, install television antennas, or go sailing without proper regard for nearby power lines.

Amperage (the amount of current), length of shock and the path of the current are the lethal factors in electric power.

One milliamperage (1/1000 of an amp) will cause a tingling sensation to the skin. Seven to 10 milliamperes can cause loss of muscular control and the inability to let go. One hundred milliamperes (1/10 of an amp) can cause death if the shock lasts more than one second.

Normally, the current will pass through one hand or one foot, not causing too severe a problem.

If, however, the current passes down an arm, through the chest, and out the other arm, respiratory paralysis can occur. And the paralysis can continue even though the person is disconnected from the power source.

Should the power strike the heart muscle, fibrillation, or unsynchronized fluttering, can happen, cutting off circulation to the body, including the brain. The result is electrocution.

Low voltages can present a greater hazard than higher voltages, because the higher voltages can produce heart seizure without fibrillation.

Electric power of any voltage or amperage is to be treated with care:

- Stay away from power lines, no matter where they are.
- Be wary with appliances in the kitchen or bathroom.
- Water and electricity do not mix! Use ground-fault circuit interrupters in these areas and supervise when children are present.
- If you feel a tingling sensation when you touch an appliance, disconnect and have it checked immediately.
- Use only grounded (three-wire) power tools and extension cords and check them often for wear.
- Child-proof outlets with safety caps (which also prevent some air infiltration) and never let children play with electric appliances, plugs or cords.

These are just some suggestions. Common sense and normal caution will dictate others.

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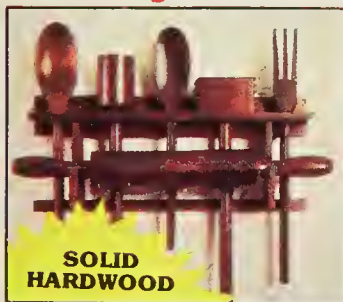
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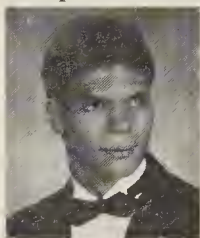
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A senior at Wallace-Rose Hill High School has been awarded the 1987 Gwyn B. Price Youth Tour Scholarship from the Women's Advisory Committee of the statewide organization of Electric Membership Corporations.



He is Nicholas E. Gazaleh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zaki N. Gazaleh of Rt. 1, Wallace.

The youth represented Four County EMC, Burgaw, on the Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington last summer.

The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a high school student selected from among the participants in the previous year's tour.

The recipient is chosen on the basis of scholastic achievement, financial need and extra-curricular activities in the school and community.

About 40 Tar Heel students are chosen by EMCs across the state to participate in the week-long tour, with all expenses covered by the sponsoring cooperatives.

The tour is coordinated by the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives.

Registration Now Open For Summer Institute

The Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts, in cooperation with the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, will sponsor the 12th Annual Graduate Summer Institute entitled, "Early Southern History and Decorative Arts" from June 31 through July 17. Emphasis will be placed on the material culture of the Southern Back Country.

Participants will have the opportunity to participate in activities such as lectures, group discussions, object studies, field trips and workshops.

Enrollment is limited to twenty participants and the deadline for receiving applications is April 20.

Information and application forms can be obtained by contacting: Sally Gant, Education Coordinator, Summer Institute, Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts, P.O. Box 10310, Winston-Salem, NC 27108, or call (919) 722-6148.

Grifton Shad Festival Slated For April 1-5

The 1987 Grifton Shad Festival is scheduled for April 1-5, with plans calling for 25 events, including a craft show, running events, a tennis tournament and much more.

For more information, write to Grifton Shad Festival, Box 928, Grifton, NC 28530 or call (919) 524-4075.

Negotiations Advance On Satellite TV Programming

Negotiations between the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC) and programmers of scrambled or soon-to-be scrambled television programming have been successful in bringing 12 channels into NRTC's program package, which is currently under development for rural satellite dish owners.

In addition, negotiations with five other programmers are promising, and discussions with the nation's two premium programmers are underway.

Agreements in principle to participate with NRTC have come from the following channels of news, entertainment and home shopping: Cable News Network, Cable News Network II, WTBS, Nashville Network, USA, Country Music Network, Nostalgia Channel, Black Entertainment Network, Christian Broadcasting, Learning Channel, Travel Channel, and Home Shopping Channel.

NRTC officials are confident that negotiations with The Disney Channel, the 24-hour sports channel ESPN, and the superstations WGN-Chicago, WPIX-New York and KTVT-Dallas, will soon be concluded successfully. Negotiations with both Showtime and HBO are continuing.

Gary A. Gordy, NRTC's interim chief executive officer, said that with the success NRTC is experiencing, the program package proposed by NRTC will be available to rural consumers in late spring or early summer of 1987.

"We feel hopeful that the cost to rural dish owners will be in the \$10-\$12 monthly range," he said.

French Language Camps Scheduled In Valle Crucis

Camp Esperance will be offering three sessions of French language camps at Camp Broadstone in Valle Crucis, beginning Aug. 4 and running through Aug. 17.

Sponsored by the N.C. Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French, the camping experience is offered for three specific age groups: High School, Aug. 4-8; Junior High, Aug. 9-13 and Elementary, Aug. 14-17.

Participants will experience French cuisine, conversation, cultural arts and crafts and many other activities.

Counselor applications and additional information can be obtained from the camp director. Write Mrs. Martha H. Dobson, Rt. 4, Box 330-A, Statesville, NC, 28677 or call (704) 876-0656 between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Edenton Homes Tour Set For April 24-25

The Edenton Woman's Club will again sponsor the biennial Spring Tour of Homes, April 24-25, in Edenton. Included on the tour this year will be six private homes, four

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historic public buildings and four churches. Tickets are \$16.50 for adults and \$8.25 for students. Shuttle service will also be provided to the various sites.

In conjunction with the tour, the Chowan Arts Council is sponsoring an Elizabethan Camerata. The Camerata consists of eight musicians offering a program of music from 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. The Camerata will be presented on Friday, April 24 in the Old Court House at 8 p.m.

Advance tickets and special group rates are available by writing: "Pilgrimage," P.O. Box 474, Edenton, NC, 27932.

Genealogical Society Seeks New Members

The Catawba County Genealogical Society, with a current membership over 200 in 22 states, is presently seeking new members to participate in the society's various activities.

After organizing in March, 1986, the group prepared a 628-page book entitled, *Catawba County Heritage—North Carolina*.

Membership is open to all persons with two classes available: Individual membership, \$8 and family membership, \$12. Benefits include four quarterly publications, referrals, workshops and monthly meetings.

For additional information, write to Elizabeth Bray Sherrill, Corresponding Secretary, Rt. 1, Box 46A, Sherrills Ford, NC, 28673.

Cover: Winter At Perry's Pond

Our cover this month features a tranquil winter scene shot at Perry's Pond near Zebulon. The photo was made by professional photographer Ray Strawbridge of Bunn.

Maritime Museum Exhibits Paintings By Director

Paintings by Charles McNeill, director of the North Carolina Maritime Museum, are currently on exhibit at the museum in Beaufort.

The exhibit, titled "The Director's Show," features watercolors that were executed between 1950 and 1987.

McNeill has served as director of the museum for 11 years. Earlier, he was operations manager of the Morehead City State Port for 17 years.

The exhibit will be on view through April 30.

For more information, write or call Jane Wolff at the museum, 185 Front St., Beaufort, NC 28516. Phone: (919) 728-7317.

Homes and Garden Tour Scheduled in New Bern

The annual New Bern Spring Historic Homes and Garden Tour is scheduled for April 3-4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The tour will feature 10 private homes and will also include the gardens of Tryon Palace and historic churches.

Tickets are \$10 if purchased in advance, \$12 if purchased on tour days. A special 10 percent discount is available for groups of 25 or more.

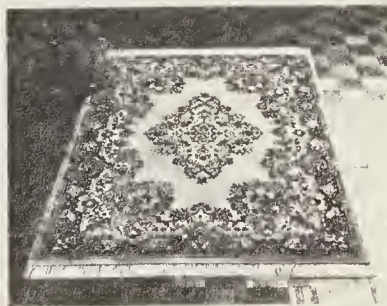
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Entries Sought For Youth Arts Festival

Creative talents of youngsters from across the state will be showcased when the second annual N. C. Young People's Arts and Crafts Festival takes place May 2 on the campus of Mills Home, Thomasville.

And for those young people who'd like the chance to show what they can do, there's still time to take part.

The festival, sponsored by Baptist Children's Homes of N. C., is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The day's activities will feature an art competition judged by Davidson

College art professor Russ Warren, entertainment provided by youngsters 18 and under, and craft booths where young people will sell their handmade items.

"Last year's first-ever festival was a tremendous success," says Lou Russell, Children's Home director of special events, "and we're looking for another great day this year.

"We want to have as many young people as possible taking part, whether it's in the show, as entertainers, or exhibiting and selling crafts," she says. "We still have some openings and there's time for people

to get in but the deadline is March 30."

"We think there'll be a lot of interest for all of the spaces."

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The statewide panel oversees various projects, including a college scholarship program to recognize outstanding members of the annual Tar Heel Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington.

The group also plans an annual conference for members of EMC Women's Committees and Member Advisory Committees.

Officers of the committee who were elected at a statewide meeting are:

Undine Barnhill of Rt. 1, Enfield, Halifax EMC, Enfield, chairwoman; Renate Dahlin, Raeford, Lumbee River EMC, Red Springs, vice chairwoman and Linda Whitehurst of Rt. 5, Greenville, Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, Tarboro, representative to the board of the National Rural Electric Women's Association.

Other committee members, listed by EMCs, are:

Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir — Una Edwards of Rt. 2, Sparta; Brunswick EMC, Shallotte — Janice Gore of Rt. 3, Whiteville; Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, Tarboro — Peggy Brake of Rt. 2, Battleboro; French Broad EMC, Marshall — Lillian Corbett of Marshall.

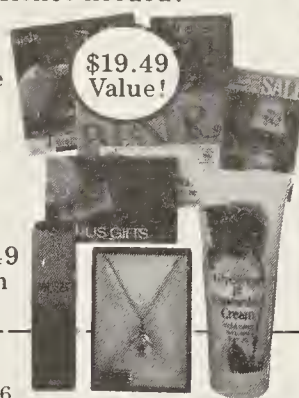
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Measures Favoring Families Eliminated By New Tax Law

"Some tax measures that once favored the family have disappeared under tax reform," says Barrie Balzli Stokes, extension family resource management specialist at North Carolina State University.

For example, the special deduction of up to \$3,000 for families in which both spouses work is repealed effective 1987.

Children who are claimed as dependents may no longer claim a personal exemption on their own return. However, children claimed as dependents may be able to use up to \$500 of the standard deduction to shelter their income.

All but \$1,000 of unearned income (interest) of a child under 14 will in 1987 be taxed at the parents' rate.

Some parents had used Clifford Trusts to shift assets to a child for a number of years. Under the old tax laws, the earnings were taxed at the child's rate. This tax shelter is no longer available.

"The new law applies to trusts set up after March 1, 1986, or to transfers to existing trusts made after that date," Stokes notes.

"Tax reform measures affect almost everyone," the extension specialist says. She advises families to seek professional advice before making significant changes in their tax planning strategies.

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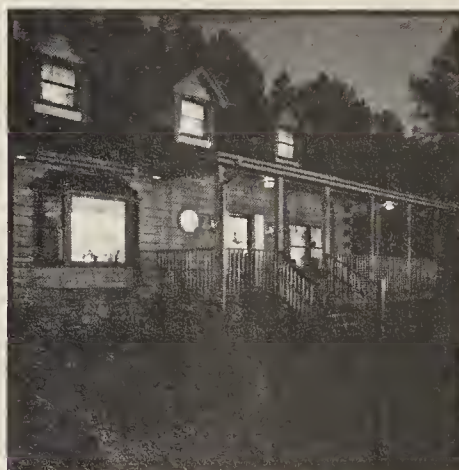


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By John T. Jackson

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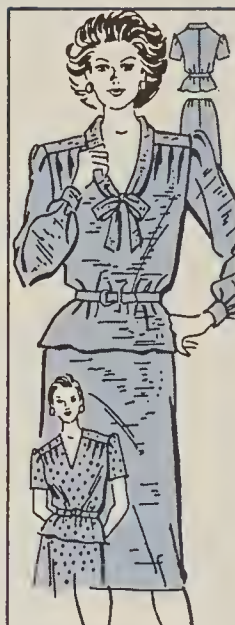
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Submitted by Ms. Rachel Bryant, Warsaw

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9 tsp. baking powder
3 tsp. baking soda

4½ cups sugar
9 eggs
6 tblsp. oil (Wesson)
5 cups buttermilk or plain milk
3 tsp. vanilla

Sift together flour, salt, nutmeg, baking powder and baking soda. Beat eggs, sugar and vanilla until thick. Combine oil and milk. Add alternately to egg mixture with flour mixture, beating until just blended after each addition. Cover and chill dough about 2 hours. Roll dough ⅜ inch thick on floured surface. Cut with floured doughnut cutter. Fry in deep hot fat (375 degrees) until golden brown, turning once (about 1 minute per side). Drain. (Yield 100).

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Nation's Youth Need "Moral Literacy"

In a speech at the Harvard Club last fall, Secretary of Education William Bennett talked about the need for "moral literacy" among our young. The nation, he said, has become squeamish about teaching values—any values—in our public schools, even though there are many concepts in our national life on which there is overwhelming agreement.

"Do we want our children to know what honest means?" he asked. "Then we might teach them about Abe Lincoln walking three miles to return six cents, and, conversely, about Aesop's shepherd boy who cried wolf. Do we want them to know about kindness and compassion, and their opposites? Then they should read *A Christmas Carol* and *The Diary Of Anne Frank* and, later, *King Lear* We want our children to respect the rights of others, and so they should read the Declaration of Independence, Gettysburg Address and *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*."

Beyond the obvious good sense of what Bennett is saying, there is another point worth noting. He is seeking consensus, not division, which sets him apart from many of those who advocate the teaching of values—by which they mean *their* opinions on controversial issues.

Bennett's point is much more basic: A great nation mustn't neglect its moral heritage. As Americans, we must work to strengthen the values that unite us, even as we debate the issues that divide.

—The Charlotte Observer

Spinach Casserole II

2 10-oz. pkgs. frozen chopped spinach, thawed
2 eggs, well beaten
2 tsp. dry onion soup mix
2 Tbl. mayonnaise
1 10¾-oz. can cream of mushroom soup
½ cup Cheddar cheese, grated

Mix all ingredients together, except for the cheese. Bake in a greased casserole at 350° for 30 minutes. Then top with cheese. Yield: 8 servings. Can be frozen.

Quick Cinnamon Coffee Cake

2 10-oz. cans refrigerated buttermilk flaky biscuits
½ cup butter, melted (reserve 1 Tbl. for glaze)
½ cup brown sugar
¼ cup sugar
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
½ cup nuts, chopped

Separate biscuits and dip them in melted butter. Coat them in mixture of sugars, cinnamon, and nuts. Stand biscuits on end in greased tube pan or loaf pan. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes, then invert on serving platter. Spread glaze on warm cake.

Glaze:

1 cup confectioners sugar	1 Tbl. butter, melted
2 Tbl. milk	½ tsp. vanilla

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A Cross-Stitch Salute To Service

Visitors to the home of Kesler C. Butler of Rt. 7, Fayetteville, almost always notice the unique cross-stitch piece on the wall of his family room.

A quick glance shows that it depicts a pastoral scene with a power line extending into the distance to a farm. Its muted tones of blue and green—and the lights shining at the windows of the farm buildings—suggest that the twilight sky will soon turn black.

Closer inspection reveals that the cross-stitch pattern is a reproduction of a commemorative postage stamp.

Butler needs little encouragement to explain why he proudly displays this unusual piece:

It is a precise reproduction of a stamp issued by the U.S. Postal Service to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Rural Electrification Administration in 1985, he points out. And, it was hand-stitched especially as a gift to Butler honoring him for completing 45 years of service on the Board of Directors of South River Electric Membership Corporation, Dunn.

The hand work—all 45,000 stitches—was done entirely by Virginia Marshall, whose husband, Marvin, is manager of South River EMC.

When the cross-stitch was presented to Butler at a dinner for co-op employees, he said he was so touched he was almost speechless.

"They couldn't have done anything that would have pleased me more."

But his appreciation for the gift deepened after he learned more about the craft of cross-stitch from his wife and others.

"Now that I understand the process, I'm even more appreciative of what Virginia did. She really went overboard. I just don't deserve anything like this, but it will always be special to me."

Mrs. Marshall had done a few large pieces of cross-stitch when she became inspired to tackle the stamp image for Butler.

"We thought it would be nice to present something different and especially meaningful," she said.

"When the stamp was issued, we felt something using that image would be a wonderful way of honoring him for his years of service."

In doing earlier pieces depicting homes, she'd arranged for a Fayetteville man to prepare the graphs for them and she asked him to handle that job on the stamp. She'd hoped

to have the graph six months before she'd need to have the piece finished, but when it arrived, the presentation was just three months away.

Undeterred, Mrs. Marshall plunged into a marathon of cross-stitching, industriously working at it during every spare moment she could find. (See box, opposite page.)

"I averaged spending three or four hours a day for two months and many nights I would work until 2 or 3 a.m."

Altogether, she spent about 250 hours on the piece.

Some of that time was devoted to pulling out stitches and reworking it when she felt the colors on the graph didn't quite work.

"I had done most of the sky and it just didn't look right to me. I think the man who did the graph must have been in a hurry. When I started doing the lettering I realized

he had spelled 'rural' incorrectly. Thank goodness I caught it before I had to take that out too!"

Butler, a retired Department of Transportation engineer who has served as president of the South River EMC board since 1957, arranged to hang the cross-stitch near his easy chair.

"I can see it easily whenever I'm sitting there."

He also has one of the original commemorative stamps in an anniversary paperweight nearby.

"When I show that to visitors and friends, they're always amazed at the similarity of the two pieces."



Kesler C. Butler of Rt. 7, Fayetteville, holds the unique cross-stitch that adorns his family room wall. The piece was hand-made by Virginia Marshall of Dunn as a tribute to Butler for his 45 years of service on the Board of Directors of South River EMC, Dunn. Virginia's husband, Marvin is manager of South River EMC.

45,000-Stitch Craft Project: Not Just A Way To Keep Busy

Virginia Marshall wasn't just looking for a way to keep busy when she decided to personally take on a 45,000-stitch craft project as a special gift.

She felt so strongly about the gift's importance that she found time for it amid an endless schedule of service to her community and her church.

Her work in community affairs brought her the 1985 Woman of the Year Award presented by the Dunn Chamber of Commerce. (The plaque she received had a "mate" at home: her husband had won the chamber's Man of the Year Award in 1984.)

Meanwhile, her many years of church work led to her election in 1986 as moderator-elect of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina. That post will put her in position to become moderator this year.

The first woman ever elected an elder of Dunn's Hood Memorial Christian Church, she has served as chairman of the church board and as

president of the congregation. She's also been regional president of the Christian Women's Fellowship.

In addition, Mrs. Marshall has served as chairman of the Advisory Board of the Fayetteville Developmental Evaluation Center and as a member of the board of the Dunn Public Library. She's also involved in activities of the Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, the Dunn Woman's Club, the Daughters of the American Revolution, a book club, and the Meals On Wheels program.



The Marshall family was all smiles after Virginia Marshall received a plaque as the 1985 Woman of the Year from the Dunn Chamber of Commerce. From the left are Marvin Marshall, daughter Kathryn Sue Butler, Virginia Marshall and Robert Alan Marshall.



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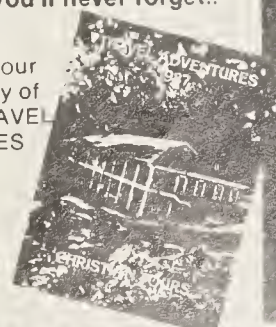
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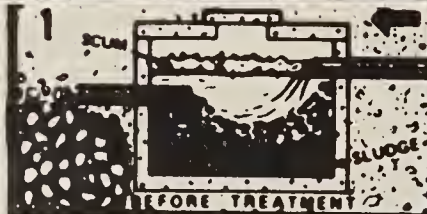
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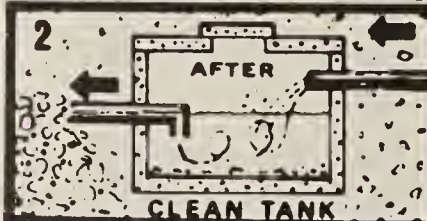
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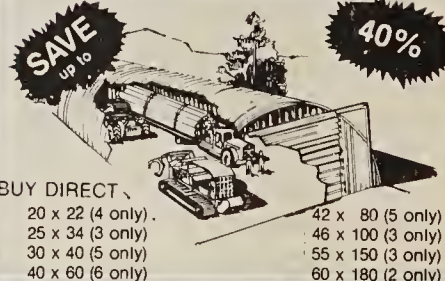
Those who were unhappy in their marriages said they stayed together because they believed that marriage was a long-term commitment and because of the children. Some of the participants said they may separate from or divorce their spouse once the children have left home.

Looking back on their marriages, almost everyone in the study admitted that there had been high and low points. But they didn't expect a problem-free, untroubled relationship, so problems didn't end the marriage, Dr. Hawkins says.

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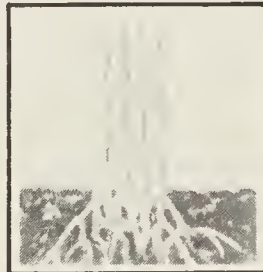
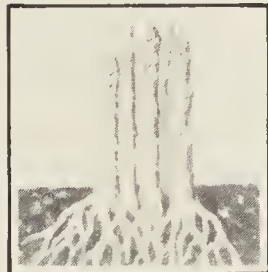
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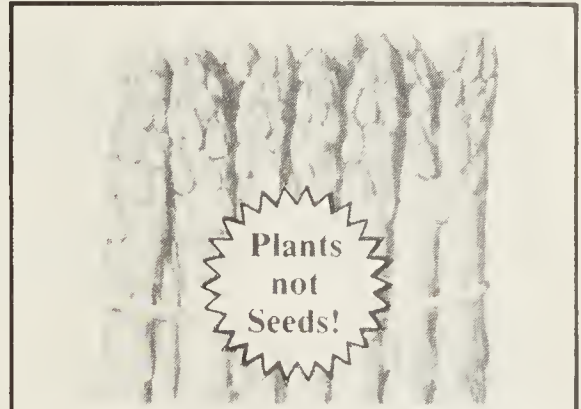
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Motorists May Be Lining Up For Gasoline Again Due To Oil Shortage, Hodel Says

Donald Hodel, the secretary of the interior, has warned that in two years motorists may again be lining up at filling stations to buy gasoline that is going to be in short supply.

Although gasoline has been plentiful—and cheaper—during the past six months because there has been a glut of it on the market, Hodel predicts that will change.

This is because the Arab countries which supply most of this country's oil have agreed to cut production to raise the price of oil while many domestic wells have been shut down due to the drop in prices.

When the glut is gone, Hodel says, supplies will be limited, prices will rise dramatically and there will be a shortage on the scale of that experienced in the 1970s.

If enough members of Congress think that Hodel is right, it could well trigger a move in Congress for something that members from oil-producing states want very badly: an import tax on foreign oil.

A \$5-a-barrel tax on oil entering the country would do two things almost immediately. It would raise prices at the gasoline pump and it would restore prosperity to Texas, Oklahoma and other states that produce oil.

When the price of oil dropped from more than \$20 a barrel to \$13, domestic producers couldn't drill it at a profit and many just quit. There

was also a big drop in exploration for new oil deposits.

But with oil now selling at \$18 a barrel, producers say it is a little above the break-even point. If a \$5-a-barrel increase were brought about through an import tax, the domestic oil fields would come alive and Houston and other hard-hit cities would flourish again.

But there would be stiff resistance from consumer groups and such a tax would have a big impact on inflation statistics. And once again, President Reagan would almost certainly oppose such a measure in view of his strong "no new tax" stand.

Hodel's statement, if he can back it up, may spur congressmen from oil states to really press for a tax later this year, observers say.

Nobody, of course, wants higher gasoline prices but certainly nobody wants to go back to those long gas lines they remember all too well from a few years ago.

Anti-Smoking Bills Pile Up In 100th Congress But Most Seem Unlikely To Pass

The anti-smoking campaign in Washington has reached new heights this year, as evidenced by the fact that almost every day since the 100th Congress started to work, a new bill aimed at tobacco has been introduced.

In large part, this has been fueled by the surgeon general's attacks on smoking which he says is a danger to a smoker's health.

The Tobacco Institute, the industry's Washington lobby, has contended that there has been no definite proof that this is so, but anti-smoking congressmen seem to prefer the surgeon general's position.

Recently the federal government got into the act by banning smoking in all federal buildings except in designated areas. Meanwhile, Beverly Hills, CA, has prohibited smoking in the city's restaurants.

One of the most sweeping acts now in Congress was introduced by Rep. Mike Synar (D-OK). It would ban all cigarette advertising in magazines and newspapers. It would also prohibit tobacco companies from sponsoring sports events, such as those auto races where cars whip around a track with cigarette brand names emblazoned on them.

Sen. Bill Bradley (D-NY) has a bill which would not allow tobacco companies that advertise to deduct the cost of the advertising as a business expense on their tax returns.

Another bill would raise the price of cigarettes sold on military bases to the price that is being charged in civilian establishments.

And Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) has introduced legislation to ban smoking on airplanes, trains and buses.

The list of bills will no doubt grow longer as other anti-smoking members of Congress think up ways to attack tobacco and its use.

These bills are not likely to pass this year, although they send a clear signal that some members of Congress have tobacco and its use squarely in their sights—and if they fail in the current session, they'll probably try again later.

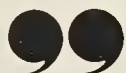
One anti-smoking bill that is given a chance, however, is a measure introduced by Sen. John Chafee (R-RI). It would double the tax on a package of cigarettes from 16 to 32 cents.

There are two reasons why this bill could get through.

One is that the attacks on smoking led by Dr. Theodore Koop, the

surgeon general, have made smoking an inviting and handy target. Even senators from tobacco-producing states no longer bother to argue when someone rises in Congress to quote Dr. Koop on the dangers of smoking, although representatives of the Tobacco Institute will debate the matter.

However, a more important reason is that the government needs the money such a tax increase would bring in. With the budget deficit running about \$200 billion this year and projected at well over \$130 billion next year, Congress is desperately looking for revenues. Many members who would prefer not to harm tobacco might vote for the tax increase for that reason alone, observers say.



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Pro-tobacco members will work to defeat the Chafee measure, but if they can't beat it, they hope that President Reagan—who has been firmly opposed to any new taxes this year—might veto it.

Ironically, Dr. Koop was supported strongly for his post by many conservative members from Southern states where tobacco is grown and his attacks have been the spark that ignited the tobacco fight fuse.

North Carolina's Sen. Jesse Helms was a principal backer of Koop and put through a waiver on age so that Dr. Koop could be appointed by Reagan. And Helms has led the pro-tobacco forces in the Senate.

"It's understandable that tobacco state senators who pushed for Koop's appointment feel that they have been let down," a Senate aide said.



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HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

Spring is synonymous with March.

Blossoms of daffodils, forsythia, thrift, Oriental magnolias, spireas and flowering quince are unfolding with color and sometimes fragrance. As days get longer, gardening activities increase. The urge to plant is exceeded only by the great variety of plant materials available for planting.

Although the time has almost passed for bare-root planting, container-grown and balled-and-burlapped plants are readily available now. These should go into the ground soon to allow plenty of time for the roots to become established before the arrival of the hot days of summer.

Dahlias from Cuttings

Dahlias sometimes are called the "lazy man's flower" because of their ease of culture. This popular flower offers a large variety of shapes, sizes and colors. Dahlias give a long-term source of cut flowers for indoor arrangements.

Now's the time to propagate dahlias from cuttings if you wish to produce more plant stock of a particularly desirable variety.

Plant the root in a container of sand. Take care to leave the crown exposed. Place in a warm, well-lighted location. Keep sand slightly moist but not water-logged.

When a new shoot has developed and has two pairs of leaves, make a two-inch cutting with a sharp knife or razor blade. Dip the cut end of the shoot into a root-inducing hormone (available at garden supply stores) and pot it in fertile soil. Keep indoors until the weather is warm.

Additional shoots will appear where the cuttings were taken. These also may be removed and potted. Still more shoots will develop. By the time to plant the dahlias outdoors, six or eight plants can be obtained by this method.

Prepare for Vegetables

The vegetable garden should be tilled now, thoroughly mixing the accumulated organic matter from the compost pile or organic matter piled on the vegetable plot over winter. Also, work in a liberal amount of complete fertilizer.

If ground already has been prepared, set out cabbage and collard plants, Irish potatoes and onions. Sow seeds of mustard, spinach, turnips, English peas and radishes.

Prune Damaged Crepe Myrtles

If your crepe myrtles suffered freeze damage, now's the time to remove the dead or weakened wood. Healthy wood will show new growth of leaf buds, making it an easy chore to distinguish between productive and unproductive growth.

Old, established plants, such as those allowed to grow into crepe myrtle trees, may be in need of severe pruning. Scrape the bark with a sharp knife. If the area beneath the bark is brown and lifeless in appearance, the trunk should be removed at ground level. If there is a healthy green color beneath the bark, the trunk is still alive and will produce growth shoots to bear flowers this summer. Usually new growth shoots will appear from the roots unless the roots were killed in frozen ground. However, crepe myrtle roots seldom are killed by winter freezes.

Daffodils

Daffodils are our most valuable spring-blooming bulb. Many varieties are grown and increase in number from year to year.

In the landscape, daffodils are useful and effective among ground cover plants such as ajuga and periwinkle, under trees and shrubs, in rock gardens, or in containers on the patio or deck.

Daffodils should be kept watered while they are growing and blooming. Let the straplike foliage die down naturally after flowering is complete.

When flowers get small and few in number it's time to dig, divide and replant bulbs. Do this after foliage has died down. With a trowel, remove only those bulbs that come away from the clump easily; don't break them away forcibly.

Gladiolus

Now's the time to put in the first planting of gladiolus. For a succession of blooms and cut flowers, continue planting at two-week intervals until mid-July.

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If you're planting a new clematis vine, work about a half cup of agricultural lime into the planting hole.

Nasturtiums to "Screen" Bulbs

Gardeners sometimes become restless after spring-flowering bulbs finish blooming, and we must wait until foliage matures and dies before cutting it away. It's necessary to leave the foliage undisturbed while it manufactures food for next year's blooms.

An easy way to "screen" the browning foliage—and add a bit of color to

the bulb bed—is to plant nasturtiums among the bulbs. These large seeds are easy to “poke” in the soil among the bulbs. After the bulb tops are cut away, and the nasturtiums begin to fade, plant summer annuals over the bulbs.

Pruning Azaleas

Azaleas need very little pruning other than routinely removing dead or injured wood. However, if a plant grows out-of-bounds such as over a walk or drive, it can be cut back without fear of permanent damage to the plant.

The ideal time to do this kind of pruning is while the plant is in bloom. Then the pruned branches can be used indoors in flower arrangements.

When pruning, keep in mind that you’ll need to prune the entire plant to avoid having a “lop-sided” specimen.

Shrubs for Shade

If you have shady spots in your yard, select from this list of shrubs:

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japonica	Hemlock
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Ligustrum	Rhododendron
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Andromeda	*Viburnum
Oregon Grape	
(Mahonia)	Wax Myrtle

*Prefer sun, but will tolerate considerable shade

Hurry with Roses

Get dormant roses in the ground before they no longer are dormant. Buds are beginning to pop out fast, so get your plants set before too much new growth develops. Time to prune your established roses, too, before they get into too much growth.

Bedding Plants

Finish planting snapdragons, pinks and pansies. These like cool weather and will fade when hot weather arrives.

For hot days ahead, try periwinkle, lantana, portulaca, marigold and zinnia. And for color in the shade, plant impatiens, coleus, begonia and caladium.

Fertilize Asparagus

Now’s the time to fertilize and clean out weedy growth around asparagus plants. To protect the tender shoots from late frosts, place a thin layer of straw or pine needles over asparagus plants.

Some long-time asparagus growers put a bit of ammonia around the plants. They claim it speeds up

growth and makes the early shoots tender.

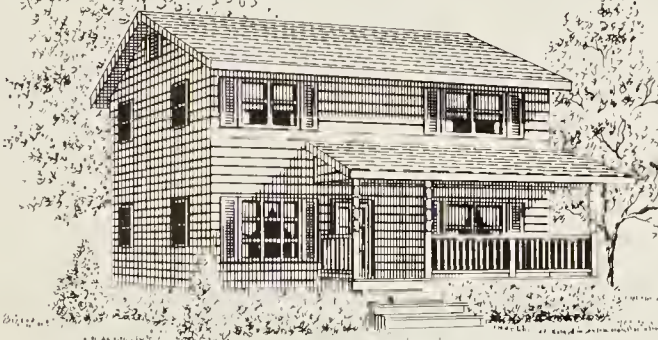
Divide Perennials

If not already done, you still have time to dig, divide and reset perennials like daylilies, hostas, ajuga, Shasta daisies, oxalis and liriop.

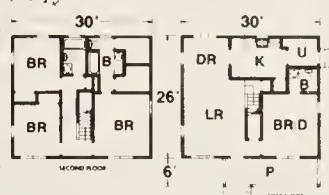
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21	Edgecombe-Martin County, Tarboro	Registration: 12:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 2:00 p.m.	Edgecombe Technical College, Tarboro
26	South River, Dunn	Registration: 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 8:00 p.m.	Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium, Fayetteville
27	Wake, Wake Forest	Registration: 6:00 p.m. Business Meeting: 7:15 p.m.	Wake Forest/Rolesville Senior High Gymnasium
28	Halifax, Enfield	Registration: 9:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 11:00 a.m.	Enfield Middle School, Enfield
April			
18	French Broad, Marshall	Registration: 12:00 Noon Business Meeting: 2:30 p.m.	Moore Auditorium, Mars Hill
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When Southern States Cooperative opened a new urban store on Atlantic Avenue in Raleigh in early March, it was just the latest step in a program of expansion in all parts of North Carolina.

President Gene A. James of the Richmond-based cooperative told a Raleigh news conference that more than \$2 million has been invested in North Carolina since Southern States began serving the Tar Heel state in February of 1986, taking over many assets of bankrupt FCX. The FCX facilities included 58 retail outlets and more than 20 manufacturing and wholesale facilities.

New fertilizer blenders have been added at Tarboro, Williamston, Wilson and Columbia, SC. At Whiteville, a new bulk fertilizer plant has opened and a retail outlet that had been closed by FCX has been reopened.

The store at Lumberton, also closed by FCX, reopened on Feb. 1 and has been "clustered" with outlets at Whiteville, Fairmont and Pembroke as Southern States' Southeast North Carolina Service operation, James said.

Commenting on the new store in Raleigh, which joins an existing agricultural service center on Cabarrus Street, Bill Goulding of Raleigh, Southern Region co-op's manager, said other urban stores are planned later this year.

"Durham and Greensboro seem likely locations," he said.

James said, "North Carolina has the highest potential of any state we serve," including Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and Kentucky.

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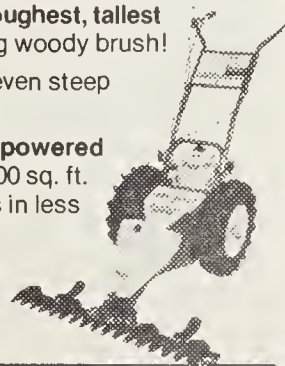


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Farm Failures: Economist Says "Worst is Over"

The economic tidal wave that has eroded away great chunks of farm business equity over the last four years may finally begin to subside in 1987, according to Stephen Sutter, North Carolina State University extension economist.

"North Carolina will continue to lose farms through business failures, but I believe the worst is over," Sutter said.

He said some well managed farms should be able to stabilize values this year and bring an end to the serious erosion of business equity that has affected all of agriculture.

Some key positive factors, he said, are smaller outlays for things farmers have to buy and higher levels of

farmer management skills. The negatives in the 1987 picture include the continuation of low market prices for those things farmers sell, particularly grains and soybeans.

The prospects of having a net worth at the end of the year at least equal to what it was at the beginning of the year may not sound like much to look forward to in ordinary times, but the last four years haven't been ordinary times for agriculture.

In that period North Carolina has lost about 14,000 farms. Another 5,000 to 6,000 will be lost this year, the experts predict. Many of the surviving farm businesses, particularly those dependent upon crops, have a lower net worth than they did one, two or three years ago.

That some farmers may be able to pull the value of their businesses out of the downward spiral may be the most significant feature in the 1987 outlook.

Sutter said the drop in land values appears to be moderating, but it is likely to continue for a while yet. Positive factors affecting the land market include falling production costs and rising farm income due to government payments.

"However, the large acreage for sale relative to demand, the financial difficulties of some lenders and the uncertainty of future farm programs will put downward pressure on land values for the remainder of this year," said Sutter.

Meanwhile, land rentals, a major expense for the many small farm operators in North Carolina, should be lower, and so should interest rates.

Sutter expects that off-farm income will continue to play an increasingly important role in getting North Carolina farm families back on their feet. About 55 percent of the state's farm household income was from off-farm sources in 1985.

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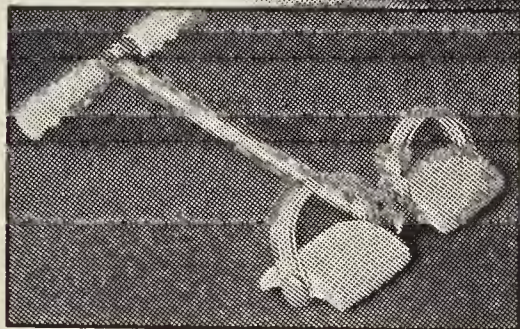
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Former NFL "Blitzing Lineman" Spotlights in Co-op Arena

The cheering may have stopped in many ways for Dave Rowe, but the former pro football player is finding a new kind of recognition in his "second career" as a spokesman for Randolph Electric Membership Corporation, Asheboro.

In recent months, that recognition has come twice in the national arena of the American rural electrification program.

In February, he was profiled in a feature published by *Rural Electrification Magazine*, the monthly journal of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), as part of a special section on co-op employees with unusual backgrounds.

The story noted that when Rowe was a "blitzing lineman" in the National Football League, he "made his living slamming his 6-foot, 7-inch body across the line of scrimmage into other giants, crushing running backs, terrorizing quarterbacks."

As a result, he suffered one injury after another: a broken back, a broken hand, a broken elbow and others. He had a total of seven operations.

He finally decided his body could take no more.

He retired and moved his family to Asheboro, where he was later offered a job at the co-op, handling communications and economic development projects.

Here's how the magazine described his transition from professional athlete to professional co-op spokesman:

It was an offer the 41-year-old athlete couldn't turn down. "I like the whole cooperative philosophy," says Rowe. "I like the cooperative way of doing business."

Rowe, who also works part time as a sports "color man" for NBC, says despite his celebrity status, he has "a regular job, regular responsibilities and a boss who doesn't give me any special treatment because I'm Dave Rowe. I'm not here because I'm Dave Rowe the football player, I'm here because I'm Dave Rowe the communicator."

Despite that modesty, Rowe says he is willing to lend his name to Randolph EMC, which regularly sends him out for public speaking engagements and into the community to help recruit industries into the co-op's service area.

Rowe, who earned a degree in education from Penn State, began his football career with the New Orleans Saints in 1967. After four years, he was traded to the New England Patriots, where he played for three years before going to the Oakland Raiders. He played for the Raiders for four and one-half years, during which time his team beat the Minnesota Vikings in the 1977 Super Bowl. He had decided to retire from football by 1980, but agreed to play for two more years with the Baltimore Colts. Twice he was All-Pro.

"The co-op is a lot like a family," says Rowe. "It was a lot like that when I played football."

Rowe, whose title is now manager of member and public relations, was accredited last fall as a Certified Rural Electric Communicator under a program offered by NRECA. He's the first employee of a North Carolina EMC to achieve that status.

"It was a chance for me to evaluate myself as a rural electric communicator and it showed me where I stand. It's a great feeling of accomplishment."

Throughout this "second career," Rowe has managed another accomplishment that must also be satisfying to the former lineman: He hasn't broken a single bone!

Quotable Quotes

- From Theodore Roosevelt—"Far better it is to dare might things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory or defeat."

- From Andrew Jackson—"One man with courage makes a majority."

- From Booker T. Washington—"Few things help an individual more than to place responsibility upon him, and to let him know that you trust him."

- From Winston Churchill—"When I look back on all these worries I remember the story of the old man who said on his deathbed that he had had a lot of trouble in his life, most of which never happened."

- From Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr.—"Is civilization progress? The challenge, I think, is clear; and, as clearly, the final answer will be given not by our amassing of knowledge, or by the discoveries of our science, or by the speed of our aircraft, but by the effect our civilized activities as a whole have upon the quality of our planet's life—the life of plants and animals as well as that of men."

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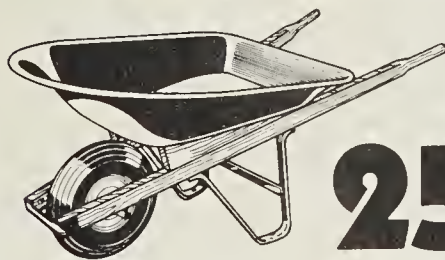
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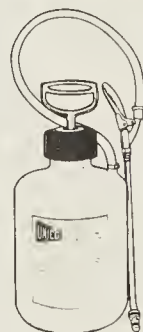
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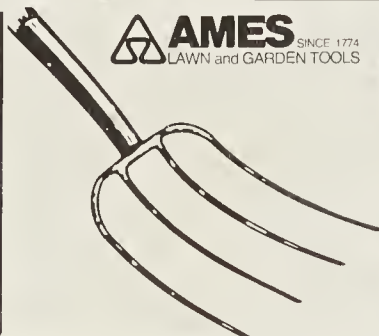
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